East-India OPPRESSION;

OR THE

UNPARALLEL'D CASE

OF

Capt. RICHARD BLACK,

Who after Fourteen Years irreproachable Service, for which he had Thanks, and a Certificate from the Governor and Council of *Fort St. George*; after being dismiss'd the *East-India* Company's Service by the said Governor and Council, the 24th of *March*, 1769. without a Court Martial, for only signing an Address, with all the other Officers, to have their Half Batta restored; all the said Officers Letter on his Behalf; his Letters, Memorials, &c. to the Governor and Council; his Memorials, &c. to the *East India* Directors; Letters to Lord *Clive*, &c. 1767; No REDRESS; Letters No. 15, 19, and 20, have never been answer'd.

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THE CASE OF Captain RICHARD BLACK.

IN 1762, being in the Garriſon of *Tritchinopoly* (in the *Eaſt-Indies*) the uſual Allowance of Half Batta was ſtopp'd; in *July* following, an Addreſs for reſtoring it was preſented to the Commanding Officer, but without Anſwer; upon which a ſecond Addreſs was preſented, which procured the following one, "that they (the Preſident and Council) "would not allow the Half Batta which they had "ſome Time before taken off; but every Officer "who choſe to apply, might be relieved;" to which no Reply was made: Soon after the Garriſon was re-inforced with near 2000 Men, Black and White, from Cantonments, and by that Means the Price of all Proviſions growing daily higher and higher, it became the common Concern of the whole Corps of Officers to be unanimous in applying again for the uſual Allowance, upon which the Letter No. 1. was addreſſed to the Commanding Officer, which he immediately tranſmitted to the Governor and Council of *Fort St. George*, who directly order'd that I ſhould attend them in Council, and they, without putting me under an Arreſt, or giving me any Opportunity, either by Court-Martial or

otherwiſe, to anſwer for myſelf, diſmiſs'd me the Service; telling me, at the ſame time, it would ſignify nothing my ſaying any thing to them about it, for that they had reſolved in Council, before they ſent for me in, to diſmiſs me their Service on account of my ſigning the Letter, No. 1. in Conjunction with the reſt of the Officers at *Tritchinopoly*, requeſting (demanding, as they term'd it) the uſual Allowance of the Half Batta. Notwithſtanding my Diſmiſſion on that Account, they thought proper very ſoon after to reſtore the Half Batta to the Officers at *Tritchinopoly*, in conſequence of which, I thought proper to addreſs them with a Letter, of which No. 8. is a Copy.

No. 1. From the Officers at *Tritchinopoly* to Major *Preſton*, Commanding Officer, 14th *Feb.* 1763.

SIR,

AS you cannot but be ſenſible of the Impoſſibility for an Officer to ſupport a proper Character here without the Allowance of Half Batta, which has been cuſtomary when Neceſſaries were not at ſuch extravagant Rates as at preſent, we therefore beg you will apply in our Behalf to the Governor and Council for ſuch Allowance, or deſire them to order us to be relieved according to their Offer made to a former Application of the Officers of this Garriſon,

This Letter was ſign'd by all the Officers in the Garriſon.

No. 2. From Capt. *Freſhman*, *Hart* and *Orton*, to Capt. *Black*, wrote in the Name of all the Officers, the 5th of *March*, 1763.

SIR,

IF you find on your Arrival at *Madraſs* that you are called down on Account of the Repreſentation ſent by us to the Governor and Council of *Fort St. George*, and that they have any Deſign of depriving you of your Commiſſion, ſuppoſing you, as the Senior Officer, to be the Promoter of that Addreſs; we here declare, that you only join'd with us in being unanimous in procuring our Rights, in which Mind we are firmly fix'd. Sign'd in the Name of the whole Corps of Officers, by your moſt obedient humble Servants (as above)

N. B. This Letter was wrote and ſent to me the Morning I left *Tritchinopoly*, deſiring I would lay it before the Board on my Arrival at *Madraſs*, which I declined doing, as may be ſeen per Letter, No. 8.

No. 3. From Major *Preſton*, at *Tritchinopoly*, *March* the 3d, 1763.

To Capt. *Black*,

AGreeable to your Deſire I ſend you the Paragraph of the General's Letter to me, regarding the Officers of this Garriſon. He is highly diſpleaſed at the Letter you delivered me from the Corps of Officers of this Garriſon, which I ſent to the Governor and Council. He thinks it too diſreſpectful to paſs without a ſtrict Scrutiny; ſo he hopes the Gentlemen will have ſo juſt a Senſe of

their Fault, as to make an Apology to the Governor and Council.

No. 4. From Mr. *Stone*, Secretary to the Committee. *Fort St. George*, *March* the 24th, 1763.

I AM desired by the President and Council to desire you will attend them in Council this Morning at 10 o'Clock.

No. 5. To *Stringer Lawrence*, Esq; Major General and Commander in Chief of all the Land Forces in the *East-Indies*. *Fort St. George*, *April* the 11th, 1763.

YOU are very sensible that the Governor and Council has been pleased to dismiss me the Honourable Company's Service at their own Will and Pleasure; therefore I have to beg of you, as Commander in Chief, that you will be kind enough to let me know why I had not the Benefit of a General Court-Martial at my first Arrival here, if you then thought I merited Punishment, which you very well know is customary in such Cases, and is what his Majesty has been pleased to order and direct in the 14th Article of the 12th Section of his Articles of War.

No. 6. The following is an Answer to the last Letter, dated the same Day.

THE Letter you sent me this Morning I have laid before the Board; and inclosed I send you the Copy of a Letter from the Governor and Council (to me) as an Answer to yours.

No. 7. The following is a Copy of the Governor and Council's Letter to General *Lawrence*, dated the ſame Day.

SIR,

WE have read the Letter addreſs'd to you by Capt. *Black*, under Date the 11th Inſt. We perſuade ourſelves that had we thought proper to have deſired you to order a Court-Martial on Capt. *Black*, that you would very readily have done ſo; but that Gentleman's Fault was of ſuch a Nature, that we choſe to make ourſelves only the Judges of, and accordingly acquainted him that we had no further Occaſion for his Service. It is from the Court of Directors we hold an Authority to do ſo, and we beg you will make this known to that Gentleman as a Reply to his Letter.

No. 8. To the Governor and Council of *Fort St. George*, the 5th of *May*, 1763.

I BEG Leave to trouble you with this Addreſs, in hopes thereby to convince you that I was not the firſt Promoter of a Letter wrote to Major *Preſton* by all the Officers of this Garriſon, bearing Date the 14th of *Feb.* laſt.

It will appear to you on the leaſt Examination, that this Step was agreed on by the Officers canton'd at *Newtown* before they left that Place. Beſides, it muſt be well known to them all, that when they firſt came to me with their Propoſals, I told them that we (meaning the Officers of the Garriſon) had before made two Remonſtrances, and that I thought It would be better for them, who were juſt arrived, to make a ſeparate One, if they choſe to make any at all. They were all unanimous

mous that a new Addreſs ſhould be made and ſign'd by all the Officers in the Garriſon, which, with ſome Reluctance, I at laſt conſented to.

This Part of my Conduct, Gentlemen, believe me, I am heartily concern'd at; but ſo far from my being the Promoter of any thing to the Prejudice of the Service, I muſt beg to obſerve to you, that I ſuppreſs'd every Thing that I thought could have the leaſt Appearance of Diſreſpect or Cabal; as an Inſtance of which, I waved a Propoſal once made for me to take all their Commiſſions and preſent them to the Board at my Diſmiſſion (an Event they then expected) I alſo declined preſenting a Letter (No. 2.) to the Board, which they deſired me to do at my Departure from them, wherein they acquit me of having been the Promoter of that Addreſs, and which I have now in my Poſſeſſion.

It is from the juſt Senſe I have of this Error in my Conduct, I muſt hope to experience the Effects of your Lenity; but truſt likewiſe, that without incurring the Imputation of Arrogance, I may flatter myſelf that a Recollection of my paſt Services may contribute, in ſome Degree, to my being reſtored to my former Rank.

Should you once more, Gentlemen, honour me with this Mark of your Confidence, my Gratitude will beſt evince itſelf in a continual Attention to the Honour and Good of the Service, and by approving myſelf on all Occaſions, &c. &c. &c.

No. 9. From Mr. *Stone* (Secretary) *Fort St. George*, the 10th of *May*, 1763.

To Capt. *Black*,

I AM deſired by the Preſident and Council to acquaint you, in Anſwer to your Letter of the

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5th Inſt. that had you then call'd before the Board, made the ſame Apology for your Conduct as you have now done, the Cenſure of being diſmiſs'd the Service would never have been paſs'd on you; but your Behaviour then, as well as your Letter to General *Lawrence*, ſufficiently evinced that you had no juſt Senſe of your Fault. I am therefore order'd to acquaint you, that they cannot comply with your Requeſt of reinſtating you in the Service.

N. B. In Anſwer to this Letter I beg Leave to obſerve, that I intended to apologize to the Preſident and Council at the Board, as I did to them in my Letter, No, 8. but was all at once prevented by the Preſident's telling me, he believed it would ſignify nothing my ſaying any thing to them about it, for that they had reſolved in Council, before they ſent for me in, to diſmiſs me the Service: What cou'd I ſay to them after that?—And in Regard to my Behaviour, I am ſure no Man cou'd ſay (that knew me) but that I always behaved to them, and all my Superiors, with the greateſt Reſpect; and after my Diſmiſſion at the Board, I only begg'd it of them as a Favour, they wou'd grant me a Certificate for my paſt Services; and when I left the Conſultation Room, I took my Leave of them in as polite and genteel a Manner as poſſibly I could, and I do not recollect that I ſpoke one Word that cou'd give the leaſt Offence; ſo what they meant by my Behaviour I cannot tell.—And as to my Letter to General *Lawrence*, I can only ſay that I knew that he had ſeveral Times given Orders for General Court-Martials to be held on Officers and Soldiers guilty of Offences, and for my own Satisfaction only, begg'd it as a Favour he would be kind enough to let me know why I had

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not one order'd on me, without any Intention of giving Offence to that Gentleman, or any of the Council.

No. 10. To the Governor and Council of *Fort St. George*, the 3d of *June*, 1763.

AS you were pleaſed, at the Time you thought proper to diſmiſs me the Service, to thank me for my paſt Services, and kind enough to promiſe me a Certificate for them, I now beg Leave to requeſt the ſame, and alſo your kind Permiſſion to take my Paſſage for *Europe* by the firſt Opportunity.

N. B. This Letter was never anſwer'd, nor taken Notice of, upon which I wrote them the following one.

No. 11. To the Governor and Council of *Fort St. George*, the 22d of *Auguſt*, 1763.

AS I intend going in a few Days to *Bengal*, now beg Leave to trouble you with this Addreſs, humbly to requeſt the Favour of you to give me a Certificate before I go, which will ever be acknowledged with Thankfulneſs, by, &c. &c.

N. B. This Letter was never anſwer'd, but the following Certificate was ſent after me to *Bengal*.

CERTIFICATE.

THESE are to certify, that *Richd Black*, Eſqr late Captain in the Honourable United East-India Company's Service, hath ſerved the ſaid Com-

Company in the Stations of Enſign, Lieutenant, and Captain, from the Year 1753 to the Year 1763; and that the general Tenor of his Conduct hath been to our Satisfaction, except his having been the Senior and firſt Officer who ſign'd a Remonſtrance, together with the other Officers at *Tritchinopoly*, demanding an Allowance of Half Batta, for which he was diſmiſs'd the Service. Dated in *Fort George*, this 26th Day of *Auguſt*, 1763.

George Pigot, Governor,
Robert Palk,
Charles Bourchier, } Council.
Richard Fairfield,

No. 12. To Governor *Vanſittart*. *Bengal*, *Nov.* the 8th, 1763.

SOME Time ago I mentioned to you my Deſire of going to *England*, in the Ship *Oſterly*, Capt. *Vincent*, he not readily caring to take me on Board without a ſpecial Order for that Purpoſe, which he ſays is cuſtomary on ſuch Occaſions; I ſhall therefore eſteem it a very particular Favour if you will be kind enough to give an Order for that Purpoſe, and you will very much oblige, &c. &c.

N. B. This Letter was taken no Notice of, upon which I wrote the following one to the Governor and Council.

No. 13. To the Governor and Council of *Bengal*, the 11th of *November*, 1763.

HAVING taken my Paſſage to *England* on Board the Ship *Oſterly*, I am therefore to requeſt that your Honour, &c. will be pleaſed to

give an Order accordingly to the Captain to receive me and my Neceſſaries on Board, and you will very much oblige, &c. &c.

N. B. This Letter obtain'd an Order for the Captain to receive me and my Neceſſaries on Board the Ship *Oſterly*, on which I embark'd the 24th of *Dec.* 1763, and landed in *England* the Beginning of *June* following.

No. 14. To the Honourable Court of Directors of the United *Eaſt-India* Company. *London*, the 29th of *Sept.* 1764.

The humble Memorial of Capt. *Richard Black*,

Sheweth,

THAT your Memorialiſt hath been upwards of 14 Years as an Officer in your Honours Military, on *Fort St. George* Eſtabliſhment, during which Time he hath ever been obedient to Command; and when on Duty, behaved with the Spirit and Reſolution becoming a Soldier.

That in the Courſe of Service, he hath been engaged in the moſt important and dangerous Expeditions on the *Coromandel* Coaſts, and at the Siege of *Arcott* and *Madraſs* was ſhot through the Right Wriſt and Right Leg: But in the Beginning of the Year 1762, an Order from the Preſident and Council coming to *Tritchinopoly* forbidding the Allowance of Half Batta (which had been always granted to that Garriſon on Account of the Scarcity and Dearneſs of Proviſions) to the Military Officers then there, between that Time and the Beginning of *October* following, the ſaid Officers addreſs'd two Letters to Major *Preſton*, intreating his Interceſſion

ceſſion with the Preſident and Council in their Behalf, which at length were anſwer'd in the Negative.

That in *Feb.* 1763, the whole Corps of the Company's Troops arriving in *Tritchinopoly* from Cantonment, it cauſed all Neceſſaries to become conſiderably dearer than before, upon which, not only the beforemention'd Officers, but theſe newly arrived felt equally the Burthen, and it was thereupon agreed by all the Officers (though with ſome Reluctance by your Memorialiſt) to write another Addreſs to Major *Preſton*, which he forwarded to the Preſident. Your Memorialiſt was immediately ſent for there, and acquainted by Governor *Pigot* with his Diſmiſſion by him and the reſt of the Council from the Service, for being the firſt Promoter, as they imagined, of writing thereof, for which your Memorialiſt hereby declares there were no other Grounds than his Name being firſt ſubſcribed as the Senior Officer.

That upon receiving ſuch Diſmiſſion your Memorialiſt, on Application, had a Certificate granted him from the Preſident and Council ſignifying "that the general Tenor of his Conduct hath been "to our Satisfaction, except his having been the ſenior and firſt Officer who ſign'd a Remonſtrance, "together with the other Officers, at *Tritchinopoly*, "demanding an Allowance of Half Batta, for "which he was diſmiſs'd the Service."

Your Memorialiſt therefore humbly ſubmits his Caſe to the more candid and impartial Conſideration of your Honours; and at the ſame Time, ſhould you think proper to reſtore him to the Company's Service, he humbly prays to be appointed an Officer in any of your military Eſtabliſhments in India, excepting *Madraſs*, in the ſame Rank he would have enjoy'd, had he continued at the laſt Prece-

dency; and ſhould your Memorialiſt be ſo happy as to ſucceed herein, he promiſes every Inſtance of his future Conduct ſhall be directed to promote the Intereſt of his Employers ſo well as to merit the future Favours of this Honourable Court,

And your Memorialiſt, &c. &c.

N. B. As I never had any Anſwer to this Petition, I wrote the following one of the 6th of *May*, 1766.

No. 15. To the Honourable Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants trading to the *Eaſt-Indies*. *London*, *May* the 6th, 1766.

The Petition of *Richard Black*,

Sheweth,

THAT your Petitioner has ſerved near 20 Years in the Army, and moſt of that Time in *India*, as well in his Majeſty's, as in the Honourable Company's Service, and as appears from your Petitioner's Advancement in the Service, and is well known to ſome Gentlemen now in the Direction; he, to the utmoſt of his Ability, acquitted himſelf truly and faithfully in every Station of Life they were pleaſed to honour him with, and that he received ſeveral dangerous Wounds, which he long labour'd under. That the State of the Tranſaction which drew upon your Petitioner the Diſpleaſure of your Honours Preſident and Council, and occaſion'd his Diſmiſſion, is as follows.

That in the Year 1762, your Petitioner being in the Garriſon at *Tritchinopoly*, the uſual Allowance of Half Batta was ſtopp'd. In *July* following, an Addreſs for reſtoring it was preſented to the Preſident and Council of *Fort St. George*, but without

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Anſwer; upon which a ſecond Addreſs was preſented, to which it was anſwer'd, "That they "would not allow the Half Batta, but that every "Officer who choſe to apply might be relieved." To which no Reply was made, they being deſirous to conform themſelves ſo long as poſſible. But as ſoon as the Garriſon was re-inforced with upwards of 1500 Men (Black and White) and by that Means the Price of all Proviſions growing daily higher and higher, it became the common Concern of the whole Corps of Officers to be unanimous, and of Neceſſity to apply again for the uſual Allowance, upon which the following Addreſs to the Commanding Officer was ſign'd by all the Officers in the Garriſon by Seniority.

(Here was inſerted the Letter No. 1.)

That upon Receipt of this Third Addreſs, your Honours Preſident and Council of *Fort St. George* order'd your Petitioner to attend them in Council, and without putting him under an Arreſt, or giving him any Opportunity, either by Court-Martial or otherwiſe, to anſwer for himſelf, immediately told your Petitioner "That they thank'd him for "his paſt Services, and were ſorry to tell him they "had no farther Occaſion for him, on account of "ſigning that Letter (pointing to the ſaid Third "Addreſs, which then lay upon the Board) in "Conjunction with the reſt of the Officers, and "that what he could ſay would ſignify nothing, "for they were determined in Council to diſmiſs "your Petitioner before they ſent for him in." Notwithſtanding which Declaration, they afterwards, in Anſwer to a Letter of your Petitioner's, in which he apologized, wrote to him, "that had he ſo apolo-"gized before, the Sentence of Diſmiſſion would "never have been paſs'd upon him;" which your Petitioner could have done, as he was ready for

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that Purpoſe, had he thought that they would abſolutely have refuſed to hear any Defence he had to make.

That ſoon after his Diſmiſſion, and before he had apply'd to the Governor and Council to be reinſtated, the Allowance of Half Batta was reſtored to the Officers at *Tritchinopoly*; that your Petitioner acknowledges he acted imprudently, and can only expreſs his Concern for having been inadvertently drawn into a Meaſure that proved ſo offenſive to his Superiors, and preſumes not to cenſure the Conduct of thoſe Gentlemen in the Sentence they paſs'd upon him, though he thinks it ſevere; but rather laments his own Unhappineſs in forfeiting, by one inconſiderate Action, the Merit of ſo many Years faithful Service; for that this Offence is the only one your Petitioner ſtands charged with, will evidently appear from the Certificate given him on his Diſmiſſion, a Copy of which is ſubjoin'd. No. 11.

Your Petitioner therefore humbly prays this Honourable Court to conſider the Difficulty of his preſent Situation, which is that of a Man who has been bred to the Military Profeſſion, and ſpent the beſt Part of his Life therein, diveſted of that Employment, and who is very ill qualified to ſeek his Livelihood by any other Means, which Circumſtance he hopes this Honourable Court will commiſerate, and weighing his paſt Services with the ſingle Error he has been guilty of, be induced to give him ſuch Rank in your Service as he would have enjoy'd had he continued in it; which ſhould your Petitioner be ſo happy as to obtain, it ſhall be the conſtant Aim of his future Conduct to approve himſelf not unworthy of the Benefit. And your Petitioner as in Duty bound will ever pray, &c.

No. 16. To *Henry Crabb Boulton*, Eſq;

London, *March* the 6th, 1766.

I HAVE taken the Liberty to incloſe you a Petition to the Honourable Court of Directors, and ſhould I be ſo happy as to be reſtored to your Favour once more,, my future Conduct ſhall be directed to promote the Intereſt of my Employers ſo well, as to merit the Favour of the Honourable Court.

No. 17. To *George Dudley*, Eſq;

Grantham, *May* the 15th, 1766.

UPON a Preſumption that nothing can appear more natural than any Application of this Kind from one whom a long Service of Years has given him an indiſſoluble and indiſcriminate Attachment to your Service, I ventured to addreſs you on the following Occaſion, and hope you will pardon any Impropriety that may appear in the Application, by attributing it to an inexpreſſible Zeal for the Service, what might otherwiſe be miſconſtrued as too precipitated Ambition, to make ſuch Remonſtrances on the Subject as your ſuperior Judgment ſuggeſts to you, the Merit of it may deſerve, or the mutual Intereſt of the Honourable Court may incline them to accept of. If by your late Acquiſitions in India, you ſhould be in Want of Men, I beg you will accept of the Offer I now humbly take the Liberty to make of raiſing a Company of young, healthy, robuſt Soldiers in this Country, without Expectation of Agency, or put-

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ting the Honourable Company to any other Expence than what they may be inclined to allow for Subſiſtence and Advance-Money to each Man; and referring the above to your Conſideration, I have the Honour to ſubſcribe myſelf, &c. &c.

No. 18. From Mr. *Mitchell* (Sub-Secretary)

London, July the 31ſt, 1766.

Per Deſire.

THE Committee of Shipping on the 20th *ult.* gave their Opinion to the Court, that there was no Occaſion for your Service of raiſing Recruits at that Time. I wiſh to have been able to have given you a better Account of the Succeſs of your Memorial.

No. 19.

MY LORD,

I AM very deſirous of returning into *India*. and only by the Experience I have already had of your Lordſhip's Kindneſs to me, am encouraged to apply to you, that you would uſe your Intereſt with the Honourable Court of Directors of the *Eaſt-India* Company that I may again be employ'd in their Service, and hold the ſame Rank as an Officer which I held when I quitted that Country.

Your Lordſhip's Compliance with this Requeſt will lay me under the higheſt Obligations. If your Lordſhip

Lordſhip will condeſcend to favour me with an Anſwer, I beg it may be done with all convenient Speed; and that you would direct to me at the Golden-Croſs by Charing-Croſs.

I am, My Lord,

With all due Reſpect,

London, *Dec.* 19, 1767.

Your Lordſhip's moſt Obedient,

And moſt Humble Servant.

To the Right Hon. Lord *Clive*, at *Bath*.

No. 20. To the Honourable the Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of *England* trading to the *Eaſt-Indies*.

Honourable Gentlemen,

YOU are well acquainted with the repeated Applications I have made, and am ſorry to find they have not met with your Approbation. I have only one Favour more to aſk, and that is, that your Honours will be pleaſed to permit me to go in one of your Ships to *India* to ſpend the Remainder of my Life there, as the Inclemency of this Climate affects the many Wounds I have received in your Service, which makes me quite unhappy and miſerable here. Your Compliance with the above Requeſt will ever lay me under the greateſt Obligations.

I am,

Honour'd Gentlemen,

Your moſt Obedient,

And very Humble Servant.

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WHAT the Governor and Council of *Madraſs*, General *Lawrence*, or any other Perſon may have wrote home to the Court of Directors to prejudice me in their Favor, I never could come to the Knowledge of; if it was any thing concerning my paſt Conduct, I ſhould be glad they would do me the Juſtice to make it public, as by that Means I ſhould have it in my Power to vindicate myſelf. I can appeal (if there ſhould be Occaſion) to ſeveral General Officers now in *England*, who I have had the Honour to ſerve under in *India*, that I behaved becoming the Officer and the Gentleman on all Occaſions, which the Nabob of *Arcott* was ſenſible of, and was ſo well ſatisfied with the Service I had at ſeveral Times done him, eſpecially the laſt, which was the taking the Garriſon of *Tarricar*, that he had no ſooner heard of the ill Treatment I had met with from the Preſident and Council, than he deſired the Commanding Officer of *Tritchinopoly*, that an Officer might be ſent to *Madraſs* to receive of a Counſellor there 1000*l.* as his Preſent to me, which Sum I received.

I refer to the Readers, whether they think the the Nabob would have ſhewn me ſuch a ſingular Mark of his Favor, if he had not thought I deſerved it; to whom I am more obliged, than to all the Directors, Governors, Counſellors, &c. belonging to the *India* Company, which I am very ſorry to ſay of thoſe my Countrymen, from whom I might have reaſonably expected much greater Favors, for the Service I have done my King and Country, as well as them.

I know it has been erroneouſly reported that the Officers of *Tritchinopoly* made me a Preſent of that Sum; how could that be? when it is well known to many that they were daily complaining to their Commanding Officer, that they could not live upon their Pay; and he in compaſſion to them, knowing how much they were neceſſitated, kept a public Table for them; and I may venture to ſay, that two Thirds of them had not a Penny to ſpare when Pay-Day came.

FINIS.